

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the Claims as follows:

1. (currently amended): A trolling weight device comprising:
 - a trolling weight body comprising a heavy block having a flat top planing surface, a flat bottom resting surface, and two angled front faces adapted for cutting through the water;
 - a full length vertical top fin protruding from the top planing surface of the trolling weight body and a vertical tail fin extending from a back face of the trolling weight body, the vertical fins adapted for providing greater stability when trolling, the top fin having a downrigger line hole therethrough adjacent to a top edge of the top fin at a point behind a center of gravity of the trolling weight body, the downrigger line hole adapted for receiving a downrigger line from a boat with the downrigger line engaged in the downrigger line hole so that the top planing surface is angled downwardly toward a front of the trolling weight body so that the top flat surface is adapted to act as a diving/planing surface to maintain the trolling weight directly below the downrigger rod for a true depth reading on a downrigger line, the tail fin having a fishing line hole therethrough adjacent to a top rear edge of the tail fin, the fishing line hole adapted for receiving a fishing line removably clipped to the fishing line hole, the tail fin further comprising a series of ring holes therethrough adjacent to a back edge of the tail fin, and the device further comprising a series of metal rings with colored beads attached to the tail fin through the ring holes, the metal rings adapted for moving around when the trolling weight device is in motion, the rings contacting each other and the tail fin to create sound, vibration, and color as attracting agents for game fish.

2. The device of claim 1 wherein the trolling weight body further comprises a pair of intersecting cross tunnels through the trolling weight body, each of the cross tunnels running from one of the angled front faces to an opposite side of the trolling weight body, the pair of intersecting cross tunnels adapted for allowing water passage through the trolling weight body to create turbulence, vibration, and sound waves to attract fish.

3. (canceled)

4. The device of claim 1 wherein the trolling weight body and fins are fabricated together in a one-piece casting.

5. The device of claim 4 wherein the device is made from a metal selected from the list of metals including steel, cast iron, brass and bronze alloy.

6. (currently amended): The device of claim 4 1 wherein the device is made in a two-piece assembly with the top fin and tail fin formed as a single piece and the trolling weight body formed separately with a horizontal slot along the top planing surface and a vertical slot along a back vertical surface, the fin being inserted in the slots and attached thereto.

7. The device of claim 6 wherein the fin is attached to the body by welding.

8. The device of claim 6 wherein the fin is attached to the body by brazing.

9. (new): A trolling weight device comprising:

a trolling weight body comprising a heavy block having a flat top planing surface, a flat bottom resting surface, and two angled front faces adapted for cutting through the water;

a full length vertical top fin protruding from the top planing surface of the trolling weight body and a vertical tail fin extending from a back face of the trolling weight body, the vertical fins adapted for providing greater stability when trolling, the top fin having a downrigger line hole therethrough adjacent to a top edge of the top fin at a point behind a center of gravity of the trolling weight body, the downrigger line hole adapted for receiving a downrigger line from a boat with the downrigger line engaged in the downrigger line hole so that the top planing surface is angled downwardly toward a front of the trolling weight body so that the top flat surface is adapted to act as a diving/planing surface to maintain the trolling weight directly below the downrigger rod for a true depth reading on a downrigger line, the tail fin having a fishing line hole therethrough adjacent to a top rear edge of the tail fin, the fishing line hole adapted for receiving a fishing line removably clipped to the fishing line hole;

wherein the device is made in a two-piece assembly with the top fin and tail fin formed as a single piece and the trolling weight body formed separately with a horizontal slot along the top planing surface and a vertical slot along a back vertical surface, the fin being inserted in the slots and attached thereto.

10. (new): The device of claim 9 wherein the trolling weight body further comprises a pair of intersecting cross tunnels through the trolling weight body, each of the cross tunnels running from one of the angled front faces to an opposite side of the trolling weight body, the pair of intersecting cross tunnels adapted for allowing water passage through the trolling weight body to create turbulence, vibration, and sound waves to attract fish.